



Reading with your Child A Helpful Guide for CtS Parents



It is always beneficial to talk to your child about what they are reading. Asking questions is always a great way to provoke discussion and understanding.



Before reading the book

Can you point to the title? OR

What is this? (pointing to the title)

What do you think this story will be about?

What might happen in the story?

What makes you think this?

*What do we call the writing on the back of the book?
(Blurb)*

What does the blurb tell us?

When reading the book

How do you read that word?

Can you sound out the word?

What does a full stop show you?

What has happened so far?

What do the pictures show you?

Is it what you expected to happen?

What might happen next?

How do you think the story might end?

Why do you think the character did that?

Can you find the bit that tells you....?

Why did the author write that?

What do you think he/ she meant by that?

Which word makes you think that....?

How does the story make you feel?



At the end of the book

What were the main events?

What do you like/ dislike about the story? Why?

Which was the best/ funniest/ saddest part?

How did it make you feel when...?

What was the most interesting/ exciting part of the book? Can you find it?



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At the heart of our reading curriculum, we aim for children to have a deep love of reading and a passion to explore a wide variety of language and stories. Through enjoying a wide range of literature, the children develop efficient skills which equip them for the next stage in their life beyond Christ the Saviour.

We asked experts and authors what parents can do to help turn their children into confident readers and together we have come up with some great ideas. Give them a try at home!



The Art of Imitation

Many children will tell you they don't enjoy reading or reading is 'boring' - try to lead by example. Sit and read where your child can see you; introduce family reading time, where you sit and read your own books together; have a book you read together - before bed, after dinner, on the bus, the possibilities are endless!

All reading is good

Whether it's them reading to you, you reading to them or siblings reading to each other, it's all relative. Help your child find what they enjoy reading. Enjoyment can be found in fiction, poetry, comic books, manga, magazines and newspapers!

Ask questions

A big part of reading is understanding what they have read, it is not just the act of reading words. To help them with their comprehension and to keep them interested, ask your child a range of questions as you read together.



Read whenever you get the chance

Words and sentences are everywhere from signs on shops to labels in the supermarket. Find different ways to make words exciting!

Read favourites again and again

Read and re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence. Retelling stories is a great way to develop their love of reading and build on vocabulary and language skills.

Enjoy bedtime stories

Read with your children at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend quality family time.

